

W. B. CARTER, EDITOR
Special Notice.

Last week we sent out POSTAL CARDS to all patrons of the GAZETTE whose time expired with, or prior to the close of Vol. 15. If any MISTAKES occurred, or if any patron even THINKS there is a mistake, we hope they will report the same to us, at once, in person, or by letter or postal card. We have printed a large edition Vol. 16, No. 1, so that all who wish to RENEW for '79 can be accommodated with this issue, but will stop all subscriptions, unless ordered otherwise, whose term expired with close of volume. We shall not deviate from this rule, except by special agreement—so if you want the GAZETTE, for 1879, send us the coin. While we exceedingly regret to strike any name from our lists, yet we are compelled to serve all alike. We are, more than ever, convinced that the PRE-PAY system is the only successful plan of conducting a newspaper.

W. B. CARTER, Publisher.
1878--'9.

Again the never ceasing wheels of Time, in their tireless whirl, have brought us to the close of 1878, and we are standing upon the threshold of 1879. It is a fit time for reflection! There is no way of avoiding the errors of the past, but in profiting by the dear lessons learned in the school of experience. We are aware that this is a hackneyed theme, and yet it is one that we need to study, and to have frequently brought to our minds. And there is no person but who feels that his moral nature is elevated, when sitting down "alone with conscience," he recounts the lessons he has thus learned, and makes good resolutions for the future. It is easier for one to do wrong than right; it is harder work to climb a mountain than to slide down its sides, and much easier to drift with the current than to stem the foaming tide. And no matter when these moments of reflection take place, we are all the better for them, provided we profit by them.

The people of Oregon have much to congratulate themselves upon, as they are rounding up the work of 1878. The fertile soil has brought forth with its accustomed generosity. Our productions have found a ready market at remunerative prices. The tide of immigration has been steadily increasing, and thousands of moral, industrious and enterprising citizens have, within the year, found pleasant homes within our midst; thus augmenting the growing industrial and moral force of the State. The propitious weather has enabled the farmers of the State to make their preparations for the largest harvest, the coming year, that has ever been known.

The people are moving in the direction of opening up new lines of railroad, and our State will soon realize the great advantages of those lines of communication in increased population and wealth. In our neighboring country of Yamhill near forty miles of road have been built and equipped, and is proving of immense value to the rich and prosperous country through which it passes. Our own cherished road to the Yaquina, is now placed on a firm footing, and it will not be long till this outlet to the sea will bring the immense traffic, that is certain to follow its completion into our midst. That it will now be speedily built, is no longer a subject of discussion, and the finished road itself will soon be an accomplished fact. And so, all over the State, the people have awakened from their lethargy, and a new era of progress is being inaugurated. May we never stride backward.

Financially, the State, and even the Nation, seems to be in better condition than for years. For the first time since they were issued, greenbacks are on a par with gold. Thanks to the sound financial policy of the great Republican party, the Nation is redeeming her promises to pay, and the people have faith in the complete fulfillment of those promises. And the unmistakable voice of the people, uttered in November last, shows that the pernicious

doctrine of an unlimited issue of legal tender notes, has received its death blow, if not its final quietus. In our own town and county are to be seen, everywhere, the evidences of this new era of prosperity. Land is appreciating in value—new buildings are being erected; trade is reviving, and our citizens seem to be enjoying general prosperity.

The GAZETTE has, with its readers, had its fair share of prosperity. Our failing health has compelled us to trust to others the principal care and management of it for the going year, and thus has occurred many of those mistakes and omissions which inevitably occur to inexperience; but our most indulgent patrons have passed these "imperfections by," and to-day the GAZETTE is enjoying a larger share of patronage than ever before. For the coming year we have no new promises to make. For nearly fourteen years, as a journalist, we have gone in and out before the citizens of Benton county. We have labored for their best interests. We have striven, by word and pen, to advance the substantial and moral interests of the county, and we have received too many proofs from the people among whom we have lived, to doubt that our efforts, in this direction, have been appreciated. With increased facilities, our sphere of usefulness will be enlarged.

With this issue of the GAZETTE, we drop the PATENT outside, and shall fill our paper with matter in which we are all directly interested. We have made arrangements for correspondence regularly from Salem, while from various other parts of the State our friends have promised to write news letters on matters of interest. Our friends can rest assured that nothing shall be left undone to make the GAZETTE worthy of being the OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE STATE. And to this end we ask their patronage and assistance.

As in all years that leave us, we see much to regret in the past. To each individual heart will come up its own thoughts—some cheerful and some despondent. Some of its memories will be sweet, while others will be those of bitter regret. In the mysterious workings of Providence, many have been called to lay their loved ones away, and with tearful eyes and sad hearts they wonder at the inscrutable decree. To such there comes the assurance that "When He took the lovely life away, He had a purpose, we shall know some day—Who mourns our loss."

But the New Year is upon us, and its work claims our attention. We cannot escape present duties by thinking only of the past. A sense of duty well-done, will bring a sweet satisfaction to all. And "with confidence in the right, as God gives us wisdom to see the right," let us go forward with brave hearts to meet the future. To one and all we wish you a happy and prosperous NEW YEAR.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE REPORT.
This long looked for document has been submitted to the Governor and several newspapers of the State have already published extracts from it. It is, beyond all question, the most astounding document ever published in this State, and exhibits a record of wrong-doing, in public office, that will consign the perpetrators to a life-long odium. Our Salem correspondent refers to the document, and gives a few figures, showing nearly \$100,000 that have either not been accounted for or have been paid without authority of law. A few years since the Democratic papers of this State, and politicians who now figure at a disadvantage, were loud in their denunciations of what they termed the Wood-May maladministration of State affairs. But eight years of "organized offices" have sufficed to load the tax-payers with onerous burdens, for which the democratic leaders now have an opportunity to rise and explain.

We shall commence the publication of the Report of the investigating committee as soon as the crowded state of our columns will permit, and give it in broken doses. The Legislature only ordered 250 copies printed in pamphlet form, which will not be one-fourth enough to supply the demand. It is a document in which every citizen of the commonwealth is interested, and will be eagerly sought after. The committee have simply discharged a sworn duty, although it has been a very unpleasant task. They are honorable, upright citizens and have faithfully discharged their duty, as best they could, in the limited time and disadvantages under which they labored. The investigation of the La Grande land office affairs will be attended to as soon as the Columbia river opens in the spring, and will be published in a separate pamphlet. Of which due notice will be given.

C. A. Garrone was drowned at Gardiner, the 11th ult.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

SALEM, December 29, 1878.
EDITOR GAZETTE: Christmas, with its attendant pleasures and festivities, is a thing of the past, although its memories will remain green in the hearts of many for weeks and months to come. The little folks—God bless them all—have looked forward to its annual recurrence for a long, long time, and let us hope that its realization, in most cases, exceeded in reality even their fondest anticipations. That we are growing older, as it comes and goes, was called to our mind most forcibly, on the day in question, by a little incident related to us. A little friend of ours, who is the sunshine of her home and the idol of her parents' heart, was on Christmas morn seated on the floor, dressing her feet. Suddenly she looked up and said, "Papa, I'm sorry Christmas has come!" "Why?" he asked; "didn't Old Santa Claus give you well?" "Yes, papa," was her touching response, "but you and mama are a year older, and you can't be with us always." True it is. But a few short years will elapse, and that household circle will be broken into, and too keenly did the little darling realize the fact. The babies must be cared for tenderly, for Time, with its relentless hand, will soon enough burden their hearts with the cares and disappointments of a busy world.

The event of the week was, undoubtedly, the double wedding celebrated in the Methodist church, on Christmas night, wherein Hon. A. F. Campbell and Miss Luetta Grubbe joined hands and hearts for better or for worse, in which venture Quincy A. Grubbe and Miss Sarella Griffith risked their all at the same time and place. Rev. F. P. Tower performed the ceremony. Bertha Moores, Cora Dickinson and Ella Grubbe, acting as bridesmaids, Allie Moores, G. A. Peebles, and J. A. Campbell, acting as groomsmen. The church was crowded, and at the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party received their friends at the residence of L. C. Griffith, Esq. On the evening following Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Smith tendered them a reception, which was a no less brilliant affair, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. A host of friends wish them a long and happy life, and hope that future cares will be nothing more serious than little ones.

Friday evening the "The Donkey Club," of which Jno. D. McCully, Sam. W. Church, F. D. McDowell and Jno. W. Forsythe, are the leading spirits, entertained their friends at the residence of Hon. A. A. McCully, on Piety Hill. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Crossman assumed the role of host and hostess, with a cordiality for which they are proverbial. About twenty couple appeared in mask, some of the costumes being truly magnificent, while others were supremely grotesque—all combining to add to the success of the affair. It proved pleasant throughout.

The rooms occupied by the Investigating Committee, in the State capitol building, was the scene of an exciting little episode on Monday last, the circumstances of which were substantially as follows: It appears that in its investigation of penitentiary affairs, the committee was assisted by Hon. Jno. M. Thompson, late speaker of the House of Representatives. Ascertaining this fact, W. H. Watkins, whose administration was being inquired into, addressed a letter to the committee, in which he spoke in the vilest sarcasm and personal abuse of Mr. Thompson and his relatives, sparing neither the living nor the dead. The breach between the two was widened thus, and the feelings of each toward the other were anything but friendly. Mr. Watkins was in the stand, at the time in question, when Thompson stepped into the room, and holding out a paper, made Watkins direct his attention to its contents. His right hand was, somewhat, concealed beneath his cloak which, falling to the floor, revealed a cocked revolver, tightly grasped therein. Col. Ross and White caught a glimpse of the glittering weapon, and lost no time in sliding out of the nearest door. Dave Thompson and Galloway also noticed the weapon, which he carried in his hand behind his person. The former gentlemen, at once, relieved him of it and matters cooled down. It was fortunate they did so, as a movement on the part of either of the belligerents would, no doubt, have resulted in bloodshed. Watkins appealed to the protection of the committee, saying "that he was unarmed." Matters looked decidedly desperate for a few moments. Watkins swore out a warrant for Thompson's arrest, claiming it was a conspiracy arranged by Thompson and

his friends to assassinate him. A large number of witnesses were examined, including members of the committee, State dignitaries, etc. Able arguments were made by Messrs. Lord and Shaw, counsel for the defense, and Bonham and Ramsey, for the prosecution. The Recorder's office was crowded with spectators and great interest manifested. The defendant was finally discharged from custody, and Watkins returned home, on the first train, realizing that for once in his life, at least, he appeared at disadvantage. None regret more than do the members of the committee that the affair happened while they were in session.

By the way, the committee alluded to above, have completed their labors for the present, and submitted their report to the Governor. It is of a voluminous character and cannot well be condensed to admit of publication in one short letter; nor, in a dozen. The Statesman is publishing it by piece-meal and verily it is delectable reading. It will, probably, be published by other journals throughout the State. Suffice it to say the committee has done its work well, and the breaches of public trust, as portrayed in the report, are something astonishing. They claim, that after a careful examination of the books and records on file in the offices of the different departments, and from the examination of such witnesses as they could obtain, with the limited authority at their disposal, that the following amounts have not been accounted for, or have been paid without authority of law:

Common school fund.....	\$ 2,403 80
University fund.....	1,333 49
State land fund.....	2,472 17
Tide land fund.....	1,662 03
Capital building fund.....	309 43
Agricultural college fund.....	2,916 44
Swamp land fund.....	27,875 09
U. S. Bonds, unpaid on account.....	2,472 17
Illegal fees for conveying issues to asylum.....	19,176 16
Illegal fees for conveying issues to the Penitentiary.....	14,933 99
Illegal fees for returning fugitives.....	3,371 89
U. S. Bonds, unpaid on account.....	28,528 00
Debt state school fund.....	432 59
U. S. Bonds, unpaid on account.....	3,600 00
T. H. Cann as Assistant Secretary of State.....	1,500 00
A. H. Brown, Treasurer, lost by interest on land bonds.....	1,050 00
Land Homestead Association, not accounted for.....	263 00
	\$98,517 27

Then follows, in detail, a careful resume of the various departments wherein they strike right and left, without reserve or favor. They ventilate Grover, Chadwick, Cann, Gilroy, Watkins, Hackleman, et al., in a manner that is truly refreshing, to say the least, and it is calculated to give them an opportunity to "rise and explain." It is certainly the most damaging report ever published in this State, and if true, Sam Yack and Gov. Woods are angels of spotless virtue when compared with those who were once bright and shining lights in the Democratic party.

And now comes forward "X. Y. Z." the initial nom de plume, no doubt, of "Xenodamus Yonessusibus Zenotheimis"—who writes from Albany (?) and takes exceptions to my criticisms in the case of Knight vs. Thayer. I object entering into a newspaper controversy with so devout a Congregational politician as is "Xenodamus," and will, therefore, grant him the same privilege granted me in this free country of ours. He can think as he pleases. If he admires politics in the pulpit, well and good. Send him down here to listen to Brother Knight occasionally. We, however, do not, and may, perhaps, not meet with him there.

I had hoped to send you a tabular statement of the total amount of taxable property in the State, in this letter, but space will permit only a summary. The assessment rolls for 1878 are all in, with the exception of those from Grant county, and the sum total, thus far, aggregates \$45,083,182. On this there is a seven mill tax, of which four mills, amounting to \$180,332 74, is devoted to paying the current expenses of the State government; and three mills, amounting to \$135,249 57, will go towards paying outstanding warrants, thus making the total revenue of the State amount to the snug little sum of \$315,555 22, with another county to hear from. Of this amount but about \$12,000 has thus far been paid in. Benton county's total State tax for 1878 foots up \$12,239 52.

The Daily Statesman now has a regular reporter at Albany, and is reaching after the Linn county patronage with commendable enterprise. "Old Quinby" an Indian knave, throughout the Willamette valley, started for the "happy hunting ground" the day after Christmas. "NED."

EDITORIAL CHANGE.—In the last number of the Christian Messenger, Dec. 28, 1878, D. T. Stanley announces that he will, from that date, cease editorial duties on that paper, and Rev. T. F. Campbell, will again assume editorial charge. Mr. Stanley had made the paper a welcome Messenger to many homes throughout this State and California, but he commends its editorial management into good hands. Success to the paper—may its influence for good never cease.

Senator-elect James H. Slater is now at his home in La Grande. He will leave for the east some time this month.

TELEGRAPHIC.

CONPILED FROM THE DAILY OREGONIAN.
Congressman Beverly B. Douglas, of Virginia, died at Washington on the 22d.
Representative Alpheus S. Williams, of Michigan, died at Washington on the 21st.
Two Russian steamers, the Columbus and State of California left Philadelphia for Sitka on the 21st ult.
Children of the Philadelphia Ledger, reiterate the statement that General Grant will return home in a little over a year via India and California.
Dr. Hoyt, of Zanesville, Ohio, has been sent to the penitentiary for one year and fined \$5,000 for robbing a grave. That is a rather expensive still.
New York, Dec. 28.—Francis Murphy, the temperance lecturer is going west. Last night he said he had received an invitation from the clergy of California to come to that State and lecture, and he looked forward with pleasure to the visit.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—The weather during the past week has been the severest known in this region for twenty years. Over two feet of snow have fallen. The country river has been closed for weeks. The ice is a foot thick, and the entire transportation overhead is now transacted by sleighs.
CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The trial of Mrs. Malinda Black, indicted at Janesville, Wis., together with Frank Dickerson, for the murder of her husband, last July, closed to-day, the jury bringing in a verdict of guilty. She was sentenced to the State's prison for life, the limit of law in Wisconsin. Dickerson was sentenced to the same term, with the proviso that he be entirely removed, without injury to any deserving poor.

MANCHESTER, Dec. 24.—The papers declare that the New Hampshire tramp law proved a great success. A year ago the country teemed with the most desperate and wandering vagrants who despoiled property, threatened lives and spread terror in households. Now life and property are secure. Women and children come and go in safety, and the old curse is almost entirely removed, without injury to any deserving poor.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—It is positively announced, as coming from friends and admirers of Senator Bayard, that he is a candidate for the presidency with strong assurance of financial backing from New York, which they expect to carry with Connecticut and New Jersey, giving, with the solid South, the required majority in the electoral college. His friends are very sanguine of the success of the proposed alliance of the South with the East on a hard money platform.

The Assistant Treasurers of the United States have been instructed to make no distinction between coin and legal tenders, after the 1st of January. Checks for the payment of interest on the four per cent loan due on that day, are being prepared.
The committee of the Senate appointed under the Blaine resolution, has adjourned until the reassembling of Congress, when the Senate will be asked to authorize the use of the investigation fund now declared unavailable by the treasury officers.
Secretary Schurz has officially denied the application made by Senator Grover, that certain lands around Little Klamath Lake be certified to the State of Oregon as swamp lands. The Secretary directs the general land office to provide under rules already established for the adjustment of the Oregon swamp land grant which he says will protect all parties interested, whether pre-emption settlers or claimants under State title.

TOO LATE.—Gen. Joseph Lane, the sage of Southern Oregon, writes a letter to his son, in which he declines the proffered honor of going to Washington City, during the present session of Congress, to labor for an appropriation for the improvement of Coos Bay harbor. The General says, and he understands the situation exactly, that it is too late to successfully attempt to get any appropriation at the present, being the short session of Congress. This being the case, he would not consent to spending one dollar of the people's money in a fruitless visit—but thinks it would be well to look after the matter of an appropriation at the next session of Congress. The same argument and reasons will hold good in relation to needed help for Yaquina Bay harbor, for which a handsome appropriation could doubtless be obtained, if our Senators and Representative in Congress were properly awake to the importance of our demands. The matter should receive early and prompt attention.

MILITARY ITEMS.

(Vancouver Independent)
The following officers have visited the post during the week: Lieut. Col. A. Chambers, 21st infantry; Lieut. S. R. Jones, 4th artillery; Lieut. P. S. Bonus, 4th cavalry.
Sergeant Major F. Ellermer, 21st infantry, who has been stationed here some years, has been promoted commissary sergeant and ordered to Camp Thomas, Arizona.
We learn that the governor of Oregon has applied to the president for troops to be ordered to Pendleton on the day of execution of the Coggan murderers, to guard against an attempt at release.
We are glad to learn that Mrs. Nickerson, wife of the adjutant general of this department, who has been in a critical condition all the week, is so much improved that her ultimate recovery is confidently looked for.
A Gatling gun and necessary ammunition was shipped from the arsenal here last Monday, to Umatilla Land, to be used in case of an attempted rescue of the Indian murderers to be executed at Pendleton on the 10th of January.
Lieut. E. B. Rheem, 21st infantry, left the post last Saturday for Yakima and Ellensburg, W. T., to investigate the recent Indian troubles in that vicinity, as well as to select a site for a military post in Kittitas valley, Yakima county, near Ellensburg.

IN A HURRY.—At the present term of court a divorce was granted to a lady who applied for relief, and the day following application was made to the County Clerk for a marriage licence by a gentleman who wished to wed the divorced lady. We presume the consummation of their desires will have to be deferred for six months.—Itemizer.

A CARD FROM MR. CANN.

Mr. T. H. Cann publishes the following letter in the Salem Statesman: As a matter of justice to myself, I desire to state that on the 8th day of October the books and papers of the land department were taken charge of by the legislative investigating committee, and on that day I deposited with Mr. E. Hirsch, State Treasurer, all the money on hands belonging to the land department for safe keeping, until the report of the committee should be made. The money is still in his safe, and so soon as the board of land commissioners can examine the report the money will be applied where it belongs, and an honorable settlement will be made, so far as I am concerned.
I have to say that each Legislature since 1870 has examined my accounts and made appropriations for my pay, and I have worked for all the State has paid me, and have earned every dollar of it, and neither State or private citizen has ever lost a cent by me.
Yours, etc., T. H. CANN.

THE SITUATION AS TO SILVER.—The New York Times, of Dec. 19th, thus comments on the depreciation of silver: Silver was quoted in London yesterday at 49 1/2 pence, a lower rate than has been reached since July, 1876, when the price touched 46 1/2 pence, and the bullion value of 41 1/2 grains of silver was less than 80 cents. Yesterday the value of the silver dollar was a fraction under 84 cents. At the present rate of decline the price of silver is likely to touch before long the lowest point which it reached before remonetization, and the friends of this much abused metal will be driven, in self-defense, to adopt the advice of the ingenious Cornschi, to repeal to the Board bill, coin no more silver and precipitate such a crisis in the price of the metal that the Indian rupee will be depreciated to the point where England, weary of the warfare, will sue for negotiations on the basis of international bimetalism. That would at least, be wiser and more patriotic than to continue making the United States a sort of junk shop for the neglected silver of Europe.

TRAINS AND SHORT DRESSES.—It would seem as if any one, however blinded by custom, might see the absurdity of a nation of intelligent women allowing themselves to be converted to town and country scavengers, without thanks, or even the recompense of approval. There seems to be no prescribed limit to the height which skirts may be lifted when walking, if only the wearer is hung round with logging folds, from which she can never free her hands without paying the penalty of wet and mud dragged trains. Holding on to her draperies as if for dear life, she may raise them to her knees, and her style of clothing is tolerated with complacency. But let it be known and seen that the dress is hung so as to never come below the tops of the boots, and that the limbs are properly and decently covered—what fears are harbored for the morals of women!

SENATOR BAYARD.—The Chicago Times, of recent date says:

Senator Bayard is one of the few Democrats of prominence in the Senate with Presidential possibilities in view who is able to sink partisanship and exhibit statesmanship when questions vitally affecting the country at large are under consideration. He was one of the few Democrats who supported the electoral commission bill, and abided by the results in good faith, and is in a general way too much of a statesman to stand well with his party.

THE TRUE KING.—The Salem Statesman of January 1st, has the following cheering words for their narrow gauge project:

We understand from the committee appointed to take action in regard to the Salem and Springfield narrow gauge railroad that Salinas will come to the center whenever proper assurances are given by the company. Billy Stanton has two hundred dollars in gold to give. Who next?
How to get a good wife, take a good girl and go to a parson.
The South Australian Government has offered \$20,000 for a successful combined grain reaper, thrasher and sacker.
STATISTICS show that more boys than girls are born in Great Britain, but that there are a million more women than men in the Kingdom.
REPRESENTATIVES of one hundred families at Lun, Mass., propose establishing a co-operative boot and shoe factory somewhere in Texas.
CHARACTERISTIC TEXAS item: Major Atwood, of the United States Army, stationed at San Antonio, was married in St. Louis to the daughter of Richard King, the "cattle king" of the West. The bride's father presented the groom with 80,000 head of cattle.
The present Duke of Northumberland has presented to the town library of Lexington, Mass., a portrait of Lord Percy, who conducted the retreat of the British forces after the battle of 1775. The gift was made through the Rev. E. G. Porter, of Lexington, who has been the Duke's guest during the last month.
JUDGE OLEN, who has served fifteen years on the Bench of the Supreme Court at Washington, and who is upwards of seventy years of age, wishes to be put on the retired list; but Attorney-General Devens declines to give an opinion that the provisions of the law under which United States judges may retire and continue to draw their pay apply to him.

PACIFIC COAST.

There is no room for dwelling empty in Hillsboro.
The name of the *Walla Walla Record*, Salem, is to be changed to *Rising Star*.
The new telephone line between Oregon City is in working order.
There is strong talk, says a correspondent of the *Dallas Register*, of starting a *Perryville*.
G. W. Quiver, former Democrat, is talking of starting an Independence, Polk county.
At a protracted meeting, held in Springfield, Lane county, by Rev. S. Druer and pastor of the M. E. Church, 38 joined the church.
The La Grande Gazette denies the report that a large band of horses at La Grande, belonging to the estate of the late George Coggan, are sick and dying with distemper.
The steamer *Statellite* ran on to a snag at the forks of Coos Bay on the morning of the 27th inst. The vessel was a portion of the smokstack only being visible. She will be raised probably.
Mrs. Smallden, the female inebriate who has figured so frequently in the Portland police court, was picked up on Meigs street, in an intoxicated condition, having lain in the street all night—being nearly frozen, when found by a policeman.

George Gent, an old man with silver hair, died suddenly in the Gas Co's building, Portland, Dec. 22, whither he had entered for a moments rest. Deceased was a native of Ohio, aged 87 years.
On the 24th of December Governor Thayer pardoned John Dougherty from the penitentiary on condition that he leave Oregon county in 1879, for a year, on a charge of larceny in a dwelling. Cause failed.
The steamer S. T. Chock will probably go to pieces where she now lies on the lamette river below Salem. Everything valuable will be removed, and the goods of spring time will carry her down the stream. P. S. This report is contradicted.—E. GAZETTE.

Union Sentinel: The Empire mine and works were sold at sheriff's sale on Monday last, for \$67,740 75. T. Regan and others were the purchasers. They can realize a million dollars from the property within three years.

A correspondent writing from Centerville, Umatilla county, says: This new town numbers about 25 buildings, with others in the course of construction. There are a school house, one hotel, one drug store, two livery stables, two blacksmith shops, grocery store, saloon and wagon shop.
The people of Coos Bay wish to send Gen. Joe Lane to Washington to urge Congress to make an appropriation to improve the entrance to the bay. In a letter speaking of the matter Gen. Lane says: "I would not be willing to take or spend one cent of the people's money without their consent. It is now too late in this Congress to do so."
Mr. Luce, of Coos Bay, is going to build another steamer to ply on the waters of that bay. The *News* says there are now four steamers plying the waters of the bay daily, for freight and passengers, being two as fine tug boats on the bay as there are on the coast, and two ocean steamers making regular trips between this port and San Francisco, all supported by the patronage of Coos county alone.

The Statesman says: "We have been informed that the Governor did not pardon the man Luce from Lane county, but that he only remitted the sentence so far as confinement in the penitentiary is concerned, but did not restore him to citizenship, and this action was based on the opinion that the man is really insane, and that if he needs confinement to prevent injury he ought to be sent to the insane asylum."
From January, 1876, till May last, twenty-three dead bodies have been emitted in the city of Milan, one of them that of a woman. Four bodies ascertained to be of the weight of 63, 62, 41, and 50 kilograms, have yielded ashes to the weight of between two and three kilograms. A kilogramme is about two and one-fifth of a pound.

BUNCO OPERATORS.

Ever since the close of the fair at Salem, the bunco thieves, sports and sharpers who infested that locality have made their headquarters at Portland, and been quietly and unobtrusively pursuing the same dishonest games. The authorities must be cognizant of their presence, and the extent of their dishonest and criminal transactions, then why they permit them to remain in a mysterious way, we do not know. There are dozens of them, and can be seen at all hours of the day and night measuring the sidewalks on the quiet for innocent victims. It was only last Tuesday that our attention was called to one of the most notorious bunco sharpers, who were "steering" an honest, unsuspecting farmer to their den, and of course for no other purpose than to rob him of his money. The scoundrels operate at present with impunity and seem to dread no punishment. About a year since such characters were driven from town, but they have returned in increased numbers and confidence, and prosecute their nefarious calling with perfect impunity from all punishment. That no definite charges have been entered against them, may be true, nevertheless they can be arrested as vagrants and compelled to leave the city in search of new pastures.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's parents, on the 25th of December, 1878, by Rev. A. Hanna, Mr. Richard S. Irwin and Miss Effie M. Winkle. All of Benton county, Or.
In Ashland, on Christmas day, by Rev. M. A. Williams, Capt. O. C. Applegate, former editor of the *Tidings*, and Miss Eliza Anderson.
The wedding was a brilliant affair, and presents numerous and handsome.

Church Directory.

Catholic Church: Services on the last and last Sabbath of each month. Mass commences at 10:30 A. M.
M. E. Church South: Preaching morning and evening on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sabbath of each month, at 11:30 respectively. Sabbath School at 9:30 every Sabbath.
Evangelical Church: Services at 7 P. M. on the 1st and 3rd Sabbath and at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. on the 4th Sabbath of each month. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening each week, at 7 P. M.
Presbyterian Church: The wife is preaching morning and evening at 11 and 7 o'clock, respectively. Sabbath School immediately after the morning service.
M. E. Church: Services the 2nd and 4th Sabbath of each month, at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M. in Grange Hall, four miles west of Corvallis, the 1st and 3rd Sabbath of each month. By order of the congregation.
G. W. BENNETT, Pastor.
Episcopal Church: The services for the month of Oct. will be as follows: 1st Sabbath, at 11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Oct. 13th and 27th at 11 A. M., with Holy Communion.
Sunday School every Sunday, between the hours of 3 and 4 P. M.
Rev. L. STEVENS.
CORVALLIS LODGE NO. 14, F. & A. M.: No. 14 stated Communications on Wednesday. No. of preceding card. Full moon. Brethren in good standing are cordially invited to attend. By order of the lodge.
BARNUM LODGE NO. 7, I. O. O. F.: O. F. meets on Tuesday evening, at 7:30 P. M. in Grange Hall, in Fisher's brick, second story. Members of the lodge, are invited to attend. By order of the lodge.
Crystal Lake Cemetery.
Persons desiring to obtain Lots, can obtain all the necessary information, by applying to
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